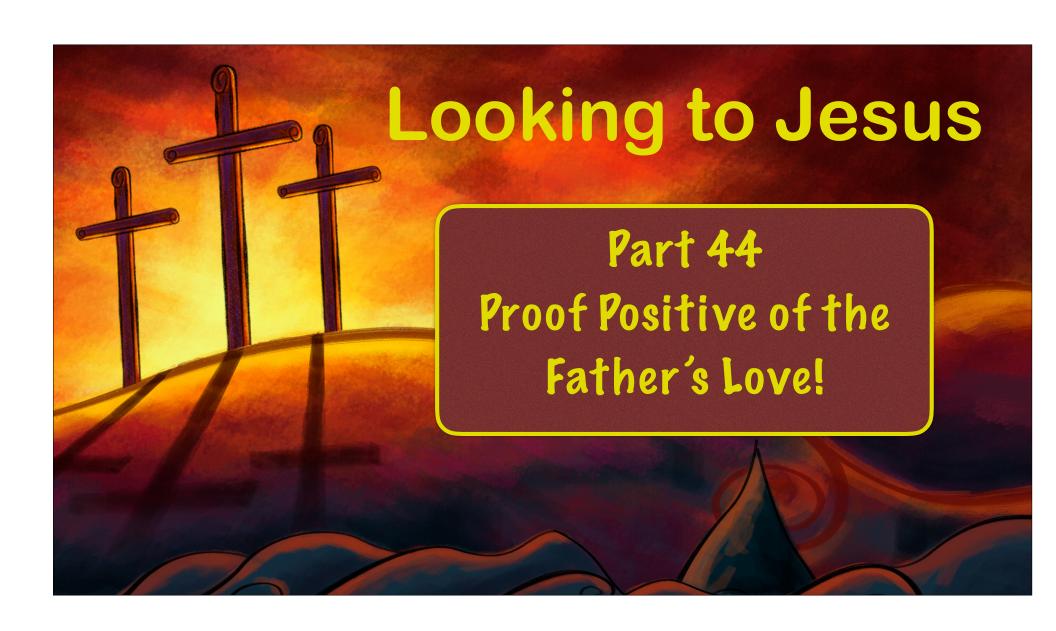
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All things were created through Him and for Him. Col 1:16



"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

Discipline: Paideuo - To train up a child, educate, instruct, teach, to chastise.

Reprove: elencho - To convict, refute, confute, to find fault with, correct.

Chastises: mastigoo - To scourge

Endure: hypomeno (imperative) - To stay under, to persevere, bear bravely and calmly, not recede or flee.

There are three purposes for His discipline;

Retribution - Corrective, not judgment

Natural

- Prevention God puts fences around His kids to protect them.
 - Education For better service, better choices, better living.

There is a tendency among Christians to view anything unpleasant that happens to them as the result of "spiritual warfare." When a difficulty arises, many immediately ask God to remove their distress. The problem is that their predicament may have nothing to do with Satan or with spiritual warfare. It may appear far more glorious for us to explain our hardships as Satan's determined attacks against us, rather than admitting that we are merely reaping what we have sown and are being disciplined by our Heavenly Father (Gal. 6:7). Experiencing God, Day by Day, Henry Blackaby

"For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but God's discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness."

The focus? Holy conduct

"So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy." I Peter 1:14-16

